(*b*) the number of applications received by the same department from 1101 up to date (25-5 1110) for grants, giving also the name of the person or institution from whom each such application was received, the purpose for which each of such applications was made and the reasons for rejecting in the case of applications rejected ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : (*a*) A statement furnishing the answer is placed on the table.

(*b*) The time and and labour involved in the preparation of the statements will be out of all proportion to their utility.

Appointments of Marketing officers.

28 * **Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose appointing a few Marketing Officers, and, if so, what is their pay and status, the number of officers so proposed to be appointed. their jurisdiction and functions ? .

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : The Government propose to appoint two Marketing Officers, a Senior Marketing officer on Rs. 200-10/2-250 per mensem and a Junior Marketing officer on Rs. 100-10/2-150 per mensem. Their functions are to conduct, in co-operation with the Imperial and Provincial staff of Marketing officers, a survey of the marketing of agricultural products including dairy and animal husbandry products and fish, and detect defects in existing practices, and suggest remedies. The officers have to conduct their work on a commodity basis and therefore their jurisdiction will be coextensive over the whole State.

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* *Vide* Appendix VII—pages 37 and 38

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